

## Thomas Jefferson to Peter Charles L'Enfant, February 27, 1792, from Thomas Jefferson and the National Capital. Edited by Saul K. Padover.

Jefferson to L'Enfant TO MAJOR L'ENFANT

*Philadelphia Feby. 27. 1792.*

Sir

From your letter received yesterday in answer to my last, & your declarations in conversation with Mr. Lear, it is understood that you absolutely decline acting under the authority of the present Commissioners. If this understanding of your meaning be right I am instructed by the President to inform you that notwithstanding the desire he has entertained to preserve your agency in the business the condition upon which it is to be done is inadmissible, & your services must be at an end.

I have the honor to be Sir &c.

Th: Jefferson.

[P. 212. U. S. v. SMITH; Ms. p. 354, American Letters, IV, 1788–92, State Department Archives in the National Archives; pp. 151–2, L'ENFANT AND WASHINGTON, Kite.]